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SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEF

to the

ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY

into

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

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ENQUIRY INTO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

1. In our brief, submitted on August 16, we made no comment on the composition of the Board. We do so now because we wish to have our opinion on the record when this subject is considered by the Commission.
2. Every employee who becomes the responsibility of the Workmen's Compensation Board requires medical assessment and treatment. It seems reasonable, therefore, that there should be one member of the Board who has knowledge and understanding of the medical aspects of the Board's responsibility.
3. Moreover, the Board acts as the final appeal body. Acting in that capacity it has a grave responsibility to see that justice is done. The cases coming before it are the more difficult ones which have not been settled at the lower levels of appeal. It seems to us that decisions of the Board are more likely to be fair if one member of the Board is knowledgeable about the medical aspects of the testimony presented.

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4. There has been a member of the medical profession on the Board for some twenty-five years. We believe the present happy state of co-operation which exists between the medical profession and the Board is in no small measure due to that circumstance.
5. We recommend, therefore, that the composition of the Board include a physician as one of its members.

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